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Title: Need to expedite construction of National Highway No. 47 between Mannuthy and Vadakkancherry in Tamil Nadu.

SHRI P.K. BIJU (ALATHUR): Mr. Chairman, I would like to draw your attention and also the attention of the Ministry to the undue delay in completion of NH-47 from Mannuthy to Walayar in Kerala. Almost all the portion is falling in my constituency. The NHA has awarded the work on this stretch to the contractor after dividing it into two parts, one from Mannuthy to Vadakkancherry and another from Vadakkancherry to Walayar. The total stretch is 84 kilometres. The work from Vadakkancherry to Walayar has already started and it is going smoothly but for the area from Mannuthy to Vadakkancherry, the contract was awarded in 2010, and its completion period has been extended up to 2016. The contractor, who took this work on contract, has not yet started the work in this stretch. This will create a lot of problems in my constituency. A number of people have died due to delay in construction of this stretch. I urge upon the Government to take immediate action to complete this stretch at the earliest. If contractors are not ready to complete the work, you should take strong action against them and fresh contracts may be awarded for speedy completion of this work at the earliest.